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Food and Drug Administration
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I OPPOSE THE DRAFT M.O.U. being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I OBJECT to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain medically necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

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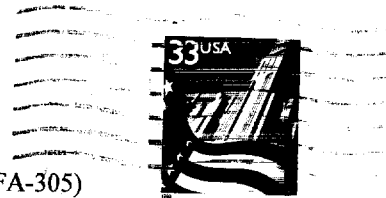
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It concerns me a great deal that the FDA is trying to limit my ability to receive individually compounded medications from the specialized pharmacy that I use. I began to use individually compounded medications over a year ago. These medications have alleviated my symptoms and discomfort by using dosages that are correct for my individual needs. I strongly stress that it is this individual compounding that has made a profound difference in my health. Therefore, I feel that to limit and possibly eliminate my option to use this service is wrong. With the proposed legislation, I could lose the right to use the pharmacy of my choice, more importantly, to use the specialized pharmacy that meets my individual needs. I find the words "inordinate amount" particularly curious and absurd. Knowing the power and influence of the pharmaceutical lobby, I can understand what has fueled this controversy and why. Please, in the interest of the good health of people like myself do not allow anyone to limit my choice to commercially manufactured drugs when the individually compounded medication I am now receiving is working so much better for me. The specialty pharmacy I use fills a vital need that commercial pharmaceutical manufacturers and most local pharmacies cannot fill. The choice should be mine. I should be able to fill a doctor ordered prescription without government interference.

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